Dear Harold,

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We were glad to hear that you received the fruit and the other gift and are enjoying them. This past Monday I began teaching the special course on the FBI, Martin Luther King, and the civil rights movement. The course attracted 10 black students (out of a total enrollment of 25). I was gratified by this. So far we have only scratched the surface of O'Reilly's book, Racial Matters, but over the next two weeks they will be working on some 96 study questions that I wrote up on the book. I am hoping this will give them a pretty detailed knowledge of what the FBI was up to. We will be covering King's assassination in the final week, which I am sure will be insufficient, but my hope is that by reading Frame-Up they will get some sense of our government and system of justice failed. One of the black students suggested that we compile a book of the written work students will be doing (either a detailed chronology of the civil rights movement and FBI involvement in it or a research paper). It sounds pretty ambitious, but if we do pull it off in some fashion I will be sure to send you a copy. We are also looking forward to Jerry's visit next week.

This past Monday I had another opportunity to give a talk on the JFK assassination. It was to a Single's Club; there were about 30 in attendance. I got a full hour to speak and so was able to elaborate on some of the points. For example, I used some of those documents you sent me recently about Hoover's initial reaction, how he felt the investigation could be wrapped up by Wednesday (Nov.27th). The most interesting aspect of this was a mathematics professor I met afterwards who also happens to be a firearms' expert, owns a 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, and worked at Edgewood Arsenal in the 60's. He got a better deal on his gun than Oswald did -- he got his for $6. He's done some of his own tests and he very emphatically stated that that weapon does not have sufficient penetrating power to do what it is alleged to have done. He also pointed out that it is not the kind of weapon which could have caused the head wound to President Kennedy. A few people asked for copies of some of the documents I brought along. All in all, it was a good experience.

I hope you and Lillian are well. Please give our regards to Dave when he visits.

Best Wishes,

Jerry

Wrote and asked if he meant ammo rather than weapon and to try to get a statement for archival purposes from the expert.